

## Miller & Rhoads

### Saturday Specials for Men

The marvellous increase in the Men's business of this store is proof positive that Richmond Men are keeping in close touch with our advertisements & our merchandise.

Here's something of special interest for Saturday—

#### Shirts, 98c

We Haven't Seen Their Equal Under \$1.50.

Fine White Negligee Shirts, in Jacquard figures & stripes. Coat & regular styles; attached cuffs. There's nothing just as good made at this price—they're equal to many that sell for a dollar & a half.

Our 50c Negligee Shirts in quality, fit & laundry work are unequalled at this price. Plain white or with neat patterns; also dark blue.

#### Silk Lisle Socks, 35c

One man remarked the other day that he didn't see any sense in paying 50c for Socks like these when he could buy them at Miller & Rhoads for 35c.

Finest imported goods—they look like silk. Solid colors for spring in tan, gray, Copenhagen, purple, green, navy, garnet, reseda & wood brown, 35c.

#### 25c Socks, 17c

WAYNE KNIT FULL FASHIONED HOSE, double sole, spliced heel & toes; medium-weight cotton, in black & tans.

They're guaranteed to wear. Buy one pair or as many pairs as you like.

We'll replace without comment any that fail to give satisfaction.

They're better Socks than any 25c guaranteed article in Richmond.

#### Handkerchiefs, 12½c

Something great! All-Linear Handkerchiefs with 1-4, 1-2 & 1-inch hems. Fine quality & large size. We know the same articles are being sold for 19c. Our special price, 12½c.

Ask to see our new Corlies Coin Collars, the Tuxedo & Herald Square. Close-fitting, round & square corners, 2 for 25c.

## CITIZENS FINALLY WIN BATTLE TO BRING WEATHER BUREAU HERE

Adams Agrees to Site, Aldermen Being Called to Meet Monday Night to Ratify It.

### MAY MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

Suggested Now That All Members Will Support Measure to Meet Public Demand.

With sufficient votes pledged to insure its passage, provided all members are present, the Board of Aldermen has been called to meet on Monday night at 8 o'clock to take from the table the ordinance making over to the United States government a section of land in Chimborazo Park as a site for the Weather Observatory. The call was signed by Aldermen Gunst, Gilman and Powers, and was issued by President Wood shortly after noon yesterday. Alderman Adams will now vote for the proposition, and there is hope from suggestive remarks made yesterday that Alderman Donahoe may see its way clear to side with the majority, making it probable that there will be at least seventeen votes in the upper branch. Since the action of the Board last Tuesday night there have been abundant evidences of the wishes of the public, large and almost universal condemnation of the action of the Board in refusing a site to the government for such a building. Several Aldermen, whose records are clear as to opposition to the general proposition of buildings in parks, recognize that the question has come now to a showdown between supporting the pending proposition or losing the Weather Bureau to Richmond.

Even in the Marshall Ward delegation the feeling is strong that enough has been sacrificed for the wishes of a few interested property-owners fronting on the park, and that the demands of the entire city should take precedence.

#### It May Be Unanimous.

With this in view it was suggested last night in City Hall circles that there was a strong probability of the action being made unanimous, and that all members of the upper branch may unite in offering the location selected by the chief of the weather service. Definite expressions could not be secured from all the Marshall Ward members last night, beyond the admission that the fight against the location of the building in Chimborazo was lost, both in the Board and the Council, and that concerted and rapid action to carry out the necessary formalities of making a deed to the Federal government would be further opposed. A special meeting of the lower branch will be called later next week to concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen.

Although Mayor Richardson has declined so far to take any active part in the fight, and has refrained from expressing his views in advance of Council action, he is on record as having signed the original resolution granting a location in Chimborazo to the Weather Bureau. All members of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, which was declared unconstitutional on technical grounds, the Mayor has not shown a tendency to be arbitrary in the exercise of the veto power, and the general belief is expressed that he will meet the almost unanimous wishes of the people of the city by signing the ordinance, which directs him to execute a deed for the property in question, specifically designated by maps, the plat to revert to the city of Richmond should it ever be used for any other purpose than for a weather observatory.

#### Has Taken Seven Months.

Seven months have passed since the proposition was presented to the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings.

This was not until after years of effort on the part of Congressmen John Lamb to have Richmond designated as one of the seven points at which these stations are to be erected, out of the appropriation made by the former Congress. At the July meeting of the committee Section Director Evans ex-

plained the proposition and showed drawings of the character of building it was proposed to erect. Ever since the matter has been hanging fire in one committee or another, or before one branch of the Council or the other, without conclusive action, notwithstanding the strong pressure brought by the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Men's Club, the Fruit and Produce Exchange, the Retail Merchants' Association, the Board of Health, the Weather Bureau, and a number of other organizations directly affected by the keeping of the weather station in Richmond.

Other Cities Alert. While the juggling and log-rolling and ward politics have gone on in Richmond, other communities have not been idle, and Chief Moore, of the weather service, has a number of attractive offers of locations in various Southern cities for the one weather station now remaining of the seven authorized by Congress. Section Director Evans, the local chief of the Weather Bureau, received yesterday the following letter from Roanoke:

"We are advised that the effort to secure a site for a Weather Bureau

for your city has been unsuccessful, and that there is a probability of the station being established in some other section of the State. If it is not asking too much of you, will you not kindly advise the representatives of the government, who, we understand, are now in your city, that Roanoke stands ready to offer a site to the government for this purpose, and if you will advise use of the amount of land required we will be under many obligations. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, we are,

"Very truly yours,

"THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

"By E. B. JACOBS,

"Secretary."

The city government of Staunton has also made a proposition through the business manager of the city, Mr. Ashburner, offering any location that may be selected in that place. There can be absolutely no doubt, from emphatic statements sent from Washington yesterday, that the last opportunity given to Richmond will be on Monday night, and any effort to delay action in either branch of the Council will mean the inevitable withdrawal of the offer.

## COURT DENIES STENOGRAPHER REHEARING IN DAMAGE SUIT

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday refused a rehearing in the case of Warden vs. Hinds, thus probably ending what has been a protracted and some what unusual litigation. It is said that attorneys for Miss Hinds may apply to the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari.

About two years ago Miss Hinds instituted suit in the United States Circuit Court against Henry Warden, a millionaire of Fredericksburg, charging him with the violation of an employment contract. She claimed damages in the sum of \$15,000. The contract is said to have provided for Miss Hinds, Warden's stenographer, at the rate of \$100 per month, and Warden is said to have agreed to leave her a legacy of \$5,000 at his death.

#### Miss Hinds Discharged.

Miss Hinds, after working one year, was discharged, and in her suit she claims the contract provided for permanent employment, and that she is entitled to recover its value. At the first trial, Judge Waddill held the contract to be one of a year-to-year agreement, and that Miss Hinds was entitled to recover for one year, plus the present value of the proposed legacy.

The jury, however, only rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff of \$200, which the court, of its own volition, set aside as being inadequate. Coming on to be again heard, Judge Waddill ruled a second time in favor of the propositions advanced by Miss Hinds, with the result that a verdict was then rendered, not for the amount claimed, but for more than the higher court held her contentions to be sound. These were that the contract was terminable at will, and the clause in the contract as to a legacy was not enforceable at law. Warden won out entirely.

A petition for a rehearing was then filed by attorneys for Miss Hinds—Messrs. Scott and Buchanan—with the result above indicated. Warden, the ultimate victor, was represented by W. D. Carter, of Fredericksburg, and Robert H. Talley, of this city.

#### Copy of the Contract.

The letter in which Warden is alleged to have entered into an agreement is as follows: "I wish to conclude the arrangement we talked about on Friday, and you can consider yourself in my employ from the moment you receive this letter. Your salary of twenty-five dollars per week will begin from tomorrow and you are to report here at the earliest moment possible. In consideration of the fact that in entering my employ, you are giving up an established business of greater or less value (its value to you being indicated by the salary I have agreed to give you) & in my intention to add a coded) to my will bequeathing to you the sum of five thousand dollars, this to recompense you for the above business and to enable you to re-establish yourself should I die within the next few years. It is my inten-

tion, even should I live to a good old age, that this bequest shall stand and be in force. Hoping that you will be able to report for work in a very few days, I am, etc."

### BURNED TO DEATH

Allie Grayson (Colored) Fell Into Grate While Opening Looking Glass.

While his parents were at work in a factory, and the older children, in whose care he was left, were in another room, Allie Grayson, the five-year-old son of Dudley Grayson (colored), of 105 Cedar Street, fell into an open grate in the room where he was playing yesterday afternoon and was burned to death. He died at the City Hospital shortly after 8 o'clock.

Attracted by the screams of the child the older, left home, as the child was almost before they could reach him his face and body had been burned almost to a crisp. The doctors realized from the first that the case was hopeless, as the child was almost dead when he reached the hospital. Coroner Taylor was notified and will make an investigation this morning.

### CONFER WITH JUDGE

Norfolk and Southern Officials Said to Have Discussed Recent Wreck.

H. M. Kerr, receiver of the Norfolk and Southern Railway, and Edward R. Baird, counsel for the corporation, called on Judge Waddill yesterday, and some time was spent in conference. Although neither of the callers would state the subject of their visit, it is understood that the matter under consideration had reference to the wreck on the railroad on February 22. The wreck was a most disastrous one, and it is said that several of the injured have already died suit for damages.

### SMALL DAMAGES

Passenger Injured on Street-Car Sues for \$500; Gets \$25.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday the jury in the suit of John Gato-Wood against the receivers of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company rendered a verdict of damages in the sum of \$25, and judgment was entered for the street-car company. Gato-Wood claimed personal injuries while a passenger on a street-car, and asked damages in the sum of \$500.

HOY FELL ON PAVEMENT AND BROKE HIS LEG

Richard Wickoff, of 550 Brook Avenue, suffered a broken leg when he fell on the pavement near the corner of Eighth and Broad Streets last night. The accident is considered most remarkable as the boy, who is only eight years old, was walking beside his mother when his left limb suddenly gave way under him. Wickoff was taken to the hospital and is now lying above the ankle. He was treated by a physician of the City Home.

SOUTHERN INSTITUTE TRAIN REACHES RICHMOND TO-DAY

After being out six days and making a total of thirty-two stops at stations along the road, the special Farmers' Institute train of the Southern Railway will wind up its journey in Richmond this afternoon. The train left Norfolk Monday morning and proceeded up the State as far as Danville, Commission of Agriculture Kolmer will return here on the train.

## SEWERS AND WATER TO COST A MILLION

Subcommittee Recommends Large Bond Issue for Great Improvement.

### WILL YIELD GOOD REVENUE

Income from Culvert Tax and Water Rates Will Pay Interest.

After hearing an extended and carefully prepared report from City Engineer Bolling and Assistant City Engineer Bolton, and examining a series of maps and blueprints, a subcommittee of the Committee on Streets, consisting of Councilmen Lynch and Davis and Alderman Gilman, unanimously recommended to the full committee last night the issuance of \$1,076,000 of 4 per cent. bonds to supply water mains and sewers to the entire old city, and to every part of the annexed territory at all thickly settled, or in line of natural growth and development.

City Engineer Bolling was requested to appear before the Committee on Water and ask the co-operation of that body in securing the bond issue, and the laying of mains at the same time and in the same streets as service sewers are provided. The estimated cost for water mains is \$132,213.50; for trunk sewers for old city and new territory, \$928,133; lateral branches or service sewers, \$242,901; house connections, \$50,744; making a total for sewers of \$1,453,788.

#### Will Yield Revenue.

From this service revenue there is an estimated revenue on the present basis of taxation, 10 cents a linear foot to abutting property-owners, of \$16,327.60. Estimating only on residences now standing, without allowing for the natural growth and development of the new territory, the estimated revenue from water mains, under the scheme proposed, will be \$51,322.20, while each residence erected along these streets will increase this amount. On these figures Mr. Bolling showed that the proposed sewer improvement would yield a return of 1.3 per cent., and that the sewer and water improvement, if carried out jointly, would yield 3.4 per cent. The \$50,744 allowed in the estimate for house connections, for more than 8,000 houses now standing in the city without sewers or water, will eventually be returned, as these connections become a tax on the property-owner, payable in three annual installments.

The Finance Committee now has no difficulty in disposing of 4 per cent. bonds at par, making the cost to the city for the great improvement, the most extensive of the kind in the South, about six-tenths of 1 per cent. Surface wells would be abandoned entirely in the old city, and almost entirely in the annexed territory, except in such thinly-settled sections that their continued presence would hardly be a nuisance to health. City Engineer Bolling said that if the funds were provided, the work could be let in a number of contracts, and the entire work be completed within a year.

#### Save Damage Suits.

While the proposed bond issue does not include any part of the work of walling up City Creek or Bacon's Quarter Branch, both of which will eventually have to be inclosed, the plan does propose the construction of several large main sewers, which will relieve congestion in sections which are now flooded at every high rain, and from which the city has suffered a constant menace of exorbitant damage suits from flooded cellars and conditions dangerous to health.

Mr. Bolling took up in turn each of the main trunks he proposed, and showed by maps and lists the streets and the number of houses each would drain, and the estimated returns on the investments, showing that no corporation but a municipality would have neglected so long the possible chance of income. For instance, there is a block on Chisum Street, comprising the two-year-old son of Dudley Grayson (colored), of 105 Cedar Street, fell into an open grate in the room where he was playing yesterday afternoon and was burned to death. He died at the City Hospital shortly after 8 o'clock.

Attracted by the screams of the child the older, left home, as the child was almost before they could reach him his face and body had been burned almost to a crisp. The doctors realized from the first that the case was hopeless, as the child was almost dead when he reached the hospital. Coroner Taylor was notified and will make an investigation this morning.

The most extensive and costly of the trunks will be the proposed Dooley sewer, the estimate for bringing this from the river through solid granite, under the canal, being \$60,000, while the cost of continuing it on up the Dooley ravine to the head of Colorado Avenue will be \$55,000. Here there will be three great branches, draining a large portion of Clay Ward.

The first branch, including the main trunk through to the river, Mr. Bolling said, would cost \$1,000,000 on an average, and yield 2 per cent. with sewer and water mains.

The first of the great branches, estimated to cost \$60,000, would reach to Beverly, Taylor and Cary Streets, draining a large section, and with the water mains in the same streets, yielding a return of 2 per cent. The third branch, running on Sycamore Street to Main and into Cedar Street, is one that is required by surface conditions, even should no house connections be allowed, the land being flat and liable to form into pools after rains, a large area about the car barns being swampy and liable to cause an epidemic unless properly drained. The cost of this branch would be \$50,176, and of water mains, \$10,334, the total yielding an annual income of 2.3 per cent. on the investment.

So in turn Mr. Bolling took the committee over the maps and blueprints of the entire city, showing his plan for a great Park Avenue sewer draining a large part of the Lee and Clay annex, beyond the Boulevard, as far as the foot of the hill, and a small return because of the scattered condition of the houses at present, but in line with rapid growth and development.

The proposed bond issue can be made within the city bond limit, although it will reach close to the margin. Should it be considered too dangerous, it can be made outside of the bond limit, secured on the Water Works, by submitting the question to a vote of the people of the city. The report will be made to the Street Committee on Tuesday night.

#### Delegate to Convention.

Governor Swanson yesterday appointed Joseph S. Forth a delegate to the convention of the National Farmers' Institute to be held in New Orleans on March 29-30-31 to consider uniform child labor laws and legislation affecting the work of women.

## SAYS BATTALION'S STANDARD IS HIGH

Major Mallory Believes Blues Compare Well With Other Organizations.

### A FEW RECORDS INCOMPLETE

One Company Shy a Haversack and Hat Cord—Need of Armory Apparent.

With the inspection last night of Companies B and C, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion, Major Mallory, U. S. A., completed his round of duties with that organization, and is ready for the work to follow.

After the members of the two companies had been put through the arduous business of inspection, Major Mallory took occasion, in an informal way, to compliment the whole battalion, saying that he had never seen a better organized set of men, a better class or a battalion more splendidly drilled. It was a great triumph for the Blues, especially in the light of the fact that they are practically without an armory and were forced to encounter difficulties not set in the way of other militia organizations of the State. All of their drilling has been done in the dim light of the streets, and in all conditions of weather, which taken into account renders their work more than usually admirable.

#### Pleased With Inspection.

Companies B and C were inspected on the Capitol Street side of the City Hall, where a large crowd had gathered to witness their maneuvers. After a preliminary inspection by the commanding officers of the two companies, Major Mallory took charge, and the manual of arms and drill was gone through with under his direction. All the movements were well executed by the companies, and the U. S. armory officer, though he did not express himself in so many words before the men, seemed particularly well pleased. He took occasion afterwards, however, to inform the officers that their companies had come up to a high standard, and that they compared well with military organizations better fitted in every way to stand the stress of government inspection.

There was some fault to find with the supplies and the records of one of the companies, though the other had no complaints, and a hat cord was missing from one of the companies.

After the inspection of the two companies the staff was inspected by Major Mallory in their headquarters, after which he went over the records and checked up the equipment and accounts belonging to the United States government. Particular attention seemed to be given to the records of the companies, the records were found to be correct and the equipment complete.

Both companies assembled at 8:30 o'clock and marched up to the City Hall, around which they went through preliminary movements before the official inspection and review.

#### Men Nerved for Drill.

On taking charge Major Mallory made a very rigid inspection. He not only examined the guns and equipment of the men, but questioned them also as to their knowledge of military duties. Particular attention seemed to be paid as to their occupation, and it is likely that his report will contain a lengthy account of the standing of the men as in relation to other portions of the National Guard of the country.

After the inspection of arms and accoutrements the companies were put through the drill. Every man seemed to have nerved himself for the occasion, and it was probably the finest exhibition of the year made by the two companies. Company A had set a good standard, the men before, and the other two companies were not behind-hand in their evolutions.

Company B had fifty-eight men in line and three officers. One man was absent on account of serious sickness. Company C had fifty-nine men in line and three officers. One private, who was called away in the evening to his wife, who is ill in Washington, was inspected in the morning.

The inspection of the Richmond Infantry soldiery ended last night.

## DIGNIFIED DEACONS PASS CIGARS AT CHURCH SOCIABLE

All Members Tagged as They Enter, Thus Avoiding Formal Introductions—Father and Son Perform on Banjo, Musical Numbers Being Feature of Unique Entertainment.

The churches of Richmond generally are pushing their Sunday-school work by adopting modern methods, and are making the Sunday-schools a part, and a very important part, of the church work.

The Sunday-school of the Second Baptist Church, corner of Adams and Franklin Streets, is among the most active in the city.

The Business Men's Bible Class has made marvelous development. Within a few months the membership has grown from less than twenty to 125, and the average attendance on Sunday mornings is more than 100.

The class is regularly organized with a corps of efficient officers and committeemen, its membership including some of the most prominent business men of the city.

The officers for the current year are: Sol. Cutchins, teacher; C. R. Guy, president; E. D. Hotchkiss, vice-president; H. S. Todd, secretary; L. T. Berry, treasurer; W. W. Nance, assistant treasurer; R. T. Crump, chairman member committee; R. S. Crump, chairman social committee; Clarence Wyatt, chairman visiting committee; Harry Ellis, Jr., chairman employment committee; L. K. Shepherd, chairman financial committee.

A pleasing feature of this class, recently inaugurated, is to hold occasional social gatherings. One of these was a delight to all who attended Thursday night. The "sociable" was held in the main Sunday-school room and the church patronage and attendance by more than 100 members of the class and quite as many invited guests.

## Money-Saving Opportunities To-Day

Spring Suits worth up to \$25, at \$10.00  
 Fall Suits worth up to \$30, at \$14.75  
 Boys' \$8.50 and \$10 Spring Suits at \$4.45  
 Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.00 Spring Suits at \$2.95

### Gans-Rady Company.

## BOLLING DESERVES VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

## WANT BOND ISSUE TO BUILD SCHOOL

Patrons of Fulton Hill Section Hold Enthusiastic Meeting in Montrose Church.

Patrons of the Fulton Hill School in Henrico county held an enthusiastic meeting last night in the Montrose Presbyterian Church in the interest of the movement for a bond issue in the county to erect a new school building to replace the present old and out-of-date structure. W. A. Maddox, superintendent of the Henrico schools, presided, and speeches were made by J. P. Thomas, supervisor of elementary instruction in the county schools; Sheriff L. H. Kemp, J. E. Dowden, clerk of the district board, and Rev. W. Cameron, pastor of the Montrose Church.

When the speaking ended Sheriff Kemp offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the taxpayers present do hereby go on record as heartily supporting any movement to improve the school facilities of Fulton Hill, and will co-operate with the school authorities to this end."

Interest in the movement is growing rapidly, and it is proposed to hold future meetings throughout the Fairfield District to boost the cause.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Local School Improvement Association, and many new members were enrolled in the association.

#### SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Three Members of Board to Be Elected Monday Night.

A joint session of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen has been called for Monday night at 9 o'clock following the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen called to act on the Weather Bureau proposition. As the special meeting of the board will probably not take long, President Wood, in response to a motion from the City School Board, called the joint meeting to all three vacancies in the City Board of School Trustees. The members of the board to be elected are: First District, John Bagby; Second District, Moses D. Hoge, Jr.; Third District, John G. Corley. It is expected that all three will be elected, as no opposition has been announced.

### REFERRED TO LOWER COURT

Only One Case in Hastings Court Gets Penalty of the Law.

George E. Taylor, colored, indicted for forgery, had the charge against him yesterday in the Hastings Court changed to one of misdemeanor, and the case was sent back to the Police Court for trial. His case will come up this morning.

Samuel Carter, colored, indicted for felonious wounding, was brought before Judge Wilson, charged with forging the name of H. H. Hartzell to a check for \$10, pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to two years on the roads.

#### Consolidation with Manchester.

Providing for the appointment of a special joint committee to consider the question of the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester. The committee will be composed of one member from each city, and will report on the ordinance, which in its preamble declares such consolidation desirable, as follows: From the Board of Aldermen—Barton H. Grundy and William H. Adams. From the Common Council—E. Harvie Spence, Chairman; A. S. Buford, Jr., and John F. Don Leavy.

Resolution authorizing the payment of a number of small claims against the city.

Resolution directing the payment of \$1,000 to back bills for work on Clay Street and Lodge Street, in the annexed territory.

Resolution authorizing the payment of three judgments found against the city in the Law and Equity Court, as follows: W. T. Evans, \$100; R. C. Scott, \$75; R. B. Wood, \$50.

Instructing the City Attorney to acquire land to widen Twenty-third Street at the intersection of O. Burton and Tulip Streets.

Authorizing the payment of \$2,239.62 to John F. Leary and Clyde W. Saunders for revision of post-books under order of the Hastings Court.

Adopting plans and specifications for the municipal electric light and power plant at the Old Pump-House, and directing the award of a contract.

Authorizing the City Electrical Inspector to revise the plans of the city and other cities in quest of information for the use of his department.

#### Contract for Flume.

Awarding contract for the new settling basin flume to the Piedmont Contracting Company, of Atlanta, for a fifty-four-inch reinforced concrete flume from the settling basin to the New Pump-House, for \$35,000.

Resolving to appropriate \$2,000 for the construction of the flume, including the cost of city inspectors on the work.

Resolution directing a large number of allegations for sidewalk and alley paving.

Resolution directing the payment of \$728 to John C. Wine for the revision of post-books under the order of the Hastings Court.

Approving the joint resolution providing for the joint committee of two members of the Board of Aldermen and three from the Common Council to inquire into the Houston, Galveston and other systems, and report on proposed changes in the plan of city government.

Appropriating \$1500 to refund to W. E. Everett for rental of a market stall.

His Wife Lost Money.

H. L. Walton, of 536 Church Street, last night asked the police of the second district to be on the lookout for the person who took \$25 from his wife. Mr. Walton would not say that the money was stolen, but it is said that the police have a clue which may lead to the arrest of a suspect. The husband would not swear out a warrant.